



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Werner LEHNER *et al.*

Application No.: 09/755,197

Confirmation No. 4843

Filed: January 8, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
MONITORING A DETECTION
REGION OF A WORKING ELEMENT

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Group II, containing claims 70-77, drawn to a color imaging processing.

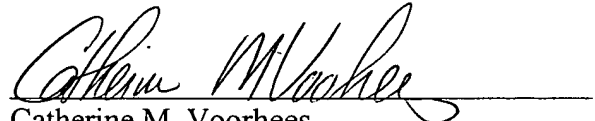
It is believed that an election of the species identified in paragraph 1 of the Office Action is not necessary, since Applicants elected claims 70-77 to be prosecuted in the present application. That is, the election of species requirement is directed to claims 43 and 61-67, which were not chosen for continued prosecution in the present application. Accordingly, an action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is being filed concurrently herewith, and a check, in the amount of \$110.00, for the one-month extension-of-time fee is also attached. Should the check be inadvertently missing, however, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261, and notify the undersigned accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 13, 2004



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